



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 10/715,347  
Filing Date: November 17, 2003  
Applicant: Shinichi NAKAMURA  
Group Art Unit: 3749  
Examiner: Kenneth B. Rinehart  
Title: DRYING APPARATUS AND WORKPIECE  
PROCESSING APPARATUS HAVING THE SAME  
Attorney Docket: 9319H-000588

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Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 3, 2005, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

Applicant hereby petitions under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action and includes a fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) with this response for such extension of time.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.